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such matter as is based on the child's instinctive interests, and in this she has been very successful, but we doubt the wisdom of the flamboyant patriotism of the first lessons. The first book of the *New Education Readers* of the American Book Company resembles very closely in its attractive exterior the *Taylor Reader* we have been discussing. This series is by A. J. Demarest and W. M. Van Sickle and aims to embody the best features of the phonetic, the synthetic, the word, and the sentence methods. Certainly the author can claim to belong to the eclectic school. Some good suggestions to teachers form a preface and the material or literature of the book is good following very much the same lines as the *Taylor Reader* in that the aim is to make the life of the child significant. The phonic part of the *Reader* is very suggestive and will be very helpful to the teacher. The illustrations are good and this promises to be a good series. Ginn & Company send us the first reader of the series known as the *Thought Reader* by Miss Maud Summers, of the Goethe School, Chicago. The author says that this is written from the standpoint of images, not words, and recognizes the thought as the reality, the sentence as its outward expression. The child learns to read by associating thought already acquired with the written form. Therefore the early reading matter should repeat the most familiar experiences of childhood, etc. How different this conception from that of the old readers on which we of the past generation were educated—the “is it an ox? yes it is an ox” type! There is a general resemblance in all readers. We expect to see it, but this *Thought Reader* differs decidedly from those we have been discussing. Of course the great difference will be noticed particularly in the first half of the readers—the general plan of attack. After that it is a difference of selected material. Miss Summers has some pages of introduction, just as in the *New Education Readers*, in which she explains to teachers the best way of making the book successful. This is a good book, it is thoughtful, it is sensible, it cannot be handled by a teacher or a pupil without decided benefit to both. The illustrations are good and the musical selections are worthy of special commendation. If space would permit an interesting comparison might be made between the lessons on George Washington in the *Taylor Reader* and in the *Thought Reader*. There is a certain crudeness in the lesson in the former.